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In re the Application of: Douglas J. Zabawa, et al.
Serial No.: 10/814,066
Title: ATTACHMENT FOR A BLADED ROTOR
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Applicant submits herewith:

1. PTO/SB/08A identifying documents cited in a European Search Report for EP 1 355 044, which is the European counterpart of Applicant's priority application 10/123,453 now U.S. Patent No. 6,846,159.
2. The Search Report referred to in paragraph 1.
3. A copy of German language document DE 197 05 323.
4. A translation of the text of DE 197 05 323.
5. A copy of the other foreign patents cited in the Search Report.

Claims 1 and 2 of the above-identified application correspond to claims 10 and 15 of EP 1 355 044.

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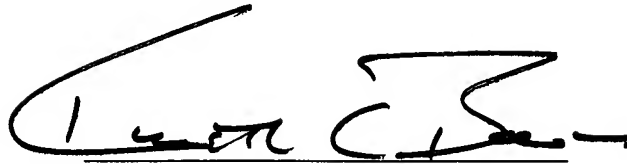
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this Application, the Examiner is kindly encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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